



Expedition Chesapeake Essay Contest **Rules**

1. The *Expedition Chesapeake* Essay Contest is open to all students residing in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New York, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia that are currently in grades 7 or 8.
2. Essays must be less than 500 words and must be typed or written in legible handwriting. Essays must solely be the work of the student. Participants should address the following question in their essay: "Who has been your favorite science teacher and how has he or she impacted your learning in science?"
3. All essays will be judged according to the criteria listed below:
 - a. Style and organization
 - b. Compliance to format and length rules
 - c. Ability to answer the question completely
 - d. Originality
4. Entries will be accepted beginning February 20, 2012. All entries must be submitted before 11:59 p.m. EST on May 31, 2012. All essays must have a cover page that includes the following information:
 - a. Title of the Essay
 - b. Student's Name
 - c. Student's Age
 - d. Student's Grade
 - e. Student's Home Phone Number (in order to notify the winner of the essay contest)
 - f. Student or Parent/Guardian E-mail Address
 - g. Name of the Student's School
 - h. Address of the Student's School
 - i. County of the Student's School
 - j. Name, Phone Number and E-mail Address for the Science Teacher Featured in the Essay

Essays that are missing any of this information will be ineligible for this contest. In addition, all participants must have a parent or guardian complete the attached form to confirm that the student has permission to participate in the essay contest.

5. All online submissions must be sent to essaycontest@expeditionchesapeake.org and have "Expedition Chesapeake Essay Contest" in the "Subject" line.
6. All hard copy submissions must be sent by U.S. Mail to:

Expedition Chesapeake
Attn: Essay Contest
401 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

7. The winner of the essay contest will be notified by telephone before June 25, and a formal announcement will be made once the winner has been notified.



8. The winner will have an opportunity to spend a day on the set of *Expedition Chesapeake* with international conservationist and educator Jeff Corwin during the fall of the 2012-2013 school year. The winning student (and featured science teacher in the essay) may choose a date and location that works best for them.
9. All essay submissions must be included with a signed consent form, in order to verify that a parent or guardian has permitted the student to participate.
10. All essays will become the property of *Expedition Chesapeake* upon submission and will not be returned.



Expedition Chesapeake Essay Contest
Consent Form

I give _____ permission to
(Child's First Name) (Child's Last Name)

participate in the *Expedition Chesapeake* Essay Contest. I understand and accept the rules outlined in the essay contest. I understand that all essays will not be returned and will become the property of *Expedition Chesapeake* upon submission. By signing below, I grant *Expedition Chesapeake* the right to reproduce, publish, display or distribute the winning essay on www.expeditionchesapeake.org, in *Expedition Chesapeake* publications (electronic and hard copy) or in future marketing efforts.

Parents and guardians may choose to remove their child's information from the *Expedition Chesapeake* distribution list at any time by contacting essaycontest@expeditionchesapeake.org.

I confirm that the content included in the essay is solely the work of my child.

Please fill in your information below, and include this with your child's essay submission. Essay submissions that do not include the parent/guardian consent form are not eligible to participate in the contest.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone & Email _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____